larly those located in the coastal areas may resort to import of coal. However, the actual import of coal, if any, are to be made by power stations themselves considering their needs and exercising their own commercial judgement.

Committee for examining washeries of CCLO

841. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
SHRI MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:
SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a committee was constituted to examine the working of coal washeries which are under control of Central Coal Washeries Organisation;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has since submitted its report; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to (c) An expert committee had examined the working of ten existing washeries including the four coal washeries of Central Coal Washeries Organisation (CCWO) and submitted its report in 1986. This Committee had recommended modernisation of some of the washeries by installation of deshaling plants, addition of fire coal circuits and introduction of instrumentation and automation equipment. Another Technical Group constituted by the Government for preparing an action plan for reducing dependence on coking coal imports also studied the working of existing washeries including CCWO washeries and submitted its report in May, 1993. Some of the main recommendations of the Group are:

(i) early completion of the modernisation scheme suggested by the earlier Committee.

(ii) arrangement for uninterrupted supply of power to washeries.

(iii) introduction of maintenance and annual health check of washeries.

(iv) augmentation of raw coal supply etc.

Sanctioning of Money in MPs Local Area Development Scheme in Bihar

842: SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the MPs from Bihar to whom the money under the MPs Local Area Development fund has not been fully earmarked for the year 1994-95 i.e. the scheme of Rupees one crore has not yet been given or sanctioned under the scheme;

(b) what are the reasons for this delay; and

(c) what is being done to expedite these cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) The funds under MPLADS for the year 1994-95 for all the MPs of Bihar State have been released.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.

Management Structure of Super Bazar

843. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various Expert Committees have recommended comprehensive changes in management structure of Super Bazar;

(b) if so, what are the names of the various Committees together with the details of recomendations made by them;

(c) whether any changes have been made by Government in the management structure of Super Bazar; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and it not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Supply of Coconut Oil Through PDS

844. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whehter Government have any proposal to supply coconut oil through the Public Distribution System to meet the growing demand of edible oil in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to popularise the use of coconut oil?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not airse;

(c) The Ministers-in-charge of Food and Civil Supplies of all States/UTs have been requested to explore the possibility of procuring and supplying adequate quantities of coconut oil to consumers through fair price shops/Cooperative outlets. The use of coconut oil, without any upward limit, has also been permitted in the manufacture of vanaspati.

Supply of Commodities Under PDS

845. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised a "foolproof" policy to ensure that foodgrains and other essential commodities covered under the Public Distribution System (PDS) reach the target population at affordable prices;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether emphasis has been laid on ensuring that the items disbursed under the PDS are of good quality;

(d) if so, whether quality control is being insured; if not, the reasons thereof;

(e) whether the quality of wheat and rice being distributed through the PDS is generally of inferior quality and complaints have been received in this regard; and

(f) if so, what measures Government have taken in this regard and the steps taken to provide quality wheat and rice through the PDS?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (f) The implementation of the Public Distribution System (PDS) is the joint responsibility of Central and State Governments. The Central Government is responsible for the procurement, storage, transportation and bulk allocation of key essential commodities such as rice, wheat, levy sugar, imported edible oils, superior kerosene oil and soft/CIL coke to the States/UTs. State Government/UT Administrations are responsible for all operational matters relating to the distribution of commodities to the consumers within their State/UT. The strengthening and streamlining of the PDS is a continuous process. Suggestions to impove the functioning of PDS are discussed regularly with States/UTs in the meetings of the Advisory Council on PDS as well as in separate Review Meetings.

Central Government has advised State Govenrments to introduce Door Step Delivery of PDS commodities to the Fair Price Shops in the areas covered under the Revamped PDS and to constitute Fair